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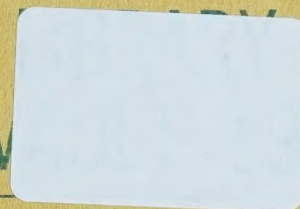


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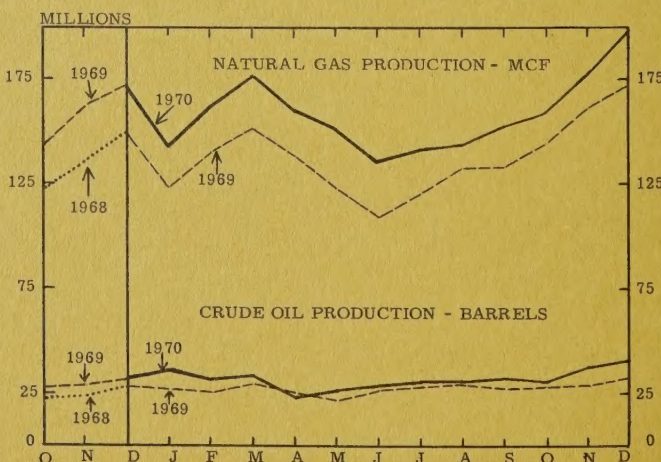
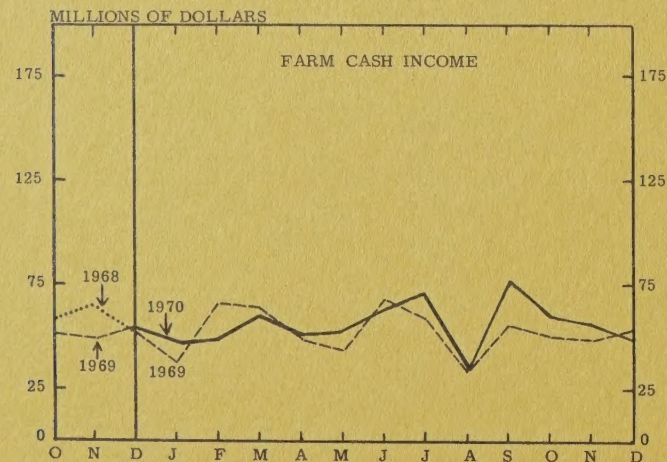
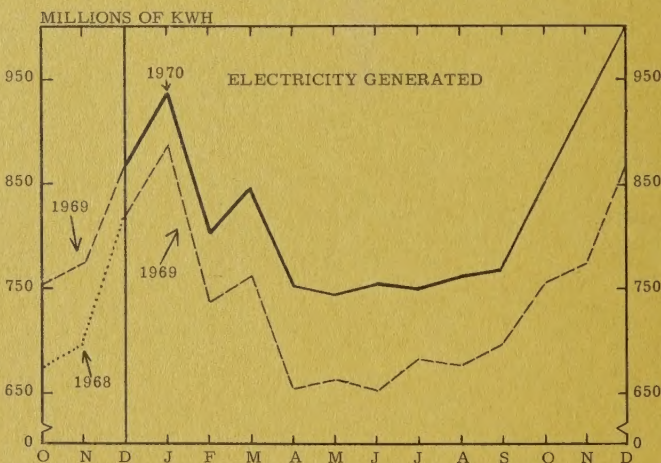
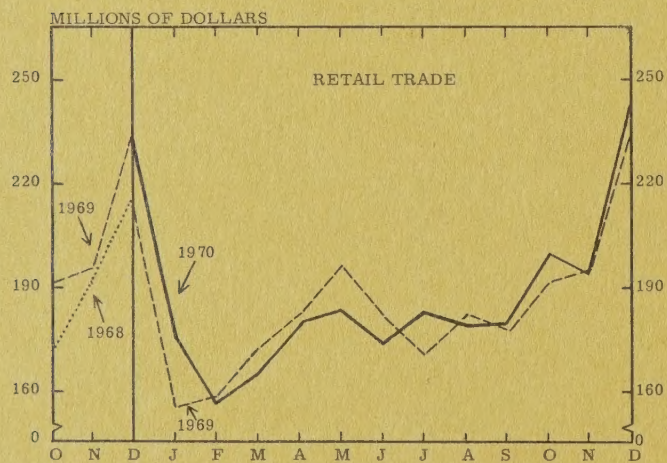
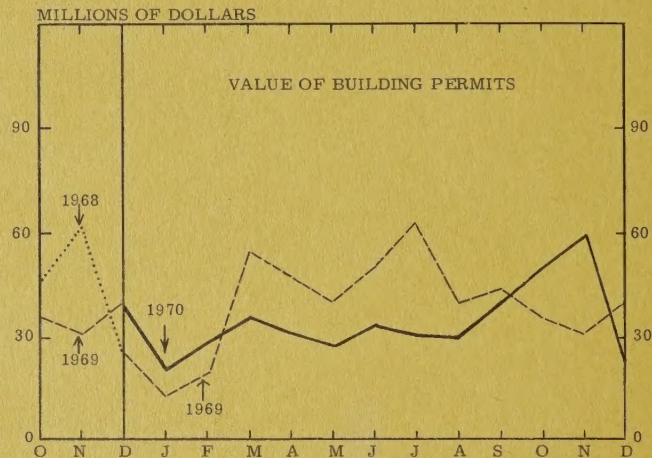
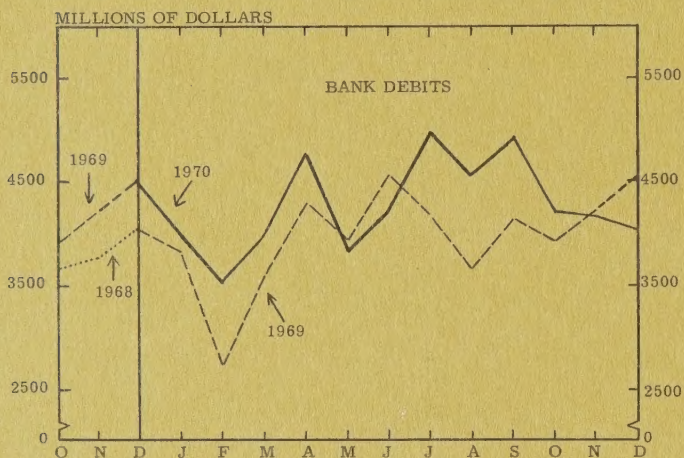
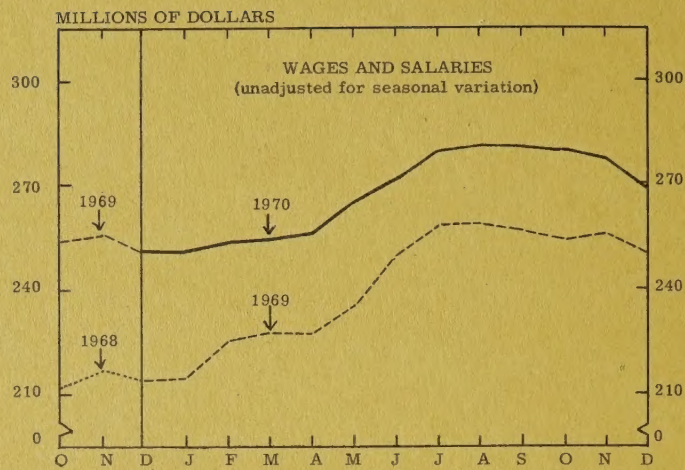
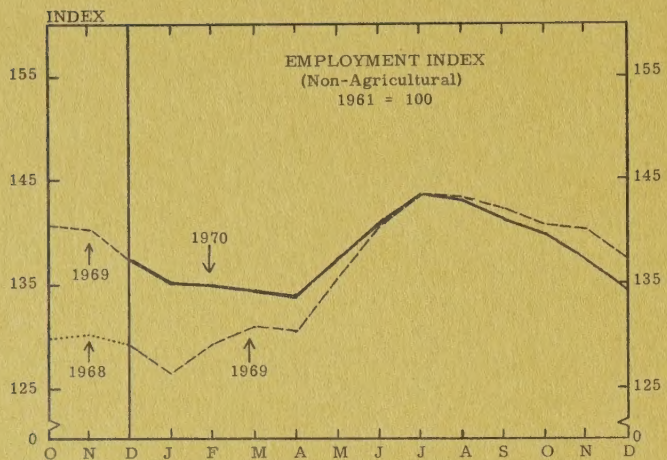
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## ALBERTA BUSINESS TRENDS

Estimated Alberta farmers cash receipts in January, 1971 decreased by almost 10% from January, 1970. Receipts from the sale of livestock and products dropped by 19% to \$30.3 million, although cash receipts from the sale of crops was up slightly.

Shipments of all grains except wheat in the first two months of 1971 were considerably higher than shipments in the same period of 1970. Sales of cattle at public stockyards during this period decreased 13%; sales of hogs showed a 38% increase.

The value of manufacturers shipments decreased from \$140 million in January, 1970 to \$130.3 million in January, 1971. Volume of meat processed in packing plants for the month showed an 8% increase over January, 1970 although value of production increased only 0.1%. Oil refinery production in 1970 was up 1.8% over production in 1969.

Activity in the coal mining industry during January, 1971 continued the upward trend established in 1970. The Value of coal produced in the month was 78% above that of a year earlier. Year end 1970 figures for crude oil and natural gas production show increases over 1969 of 17% and 16% respectively. The value of sales of all petroleum products in 1970 increased substantially over the previous year with the exception of the sulphur by-product. Although production of sulphur for the year was 14% higher than for 1969, the value of sales decreased 53% due to the sharp reduction in price experienced during 1970.

Retail sales in December, 1970 at \$241 million were only slightly higher than in December, 1969. Total retail trade in the province during 1970 registered a slight decrease from the previous year due mainly to an 18% decrease in sales of motor vehicle dealers. Other retail categories which experienced lower sales volumes include general merchandise stores, variety stores, women's and family clothing stores and fuel dealers. Wholesale trade in the first month of 1971 was approximately 5% below the January, 1970 level. Sales of most categories of wholesalers were below those of a year earlier.

The value of building permits issued in January, 1971 totalled \$15.2 million as compared to \$21 million in January, 1970. Although the value of permits issued was up in many areas of the province, this was offset by a decline in the value of permits issued in Edmonton. Dwelling starts and completions in the province increased 14% and 21% respectively over the same period a year earlier. Loan approvals for new housing were up 29%, but loan approvals for existing housing decreased by 27%.

## ESTIMATED ALBERTA FARMERS' CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS

	(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971	Percent Change	(January-December)		Percent Change
	(\$'000)	(\$'000)	%	1969 (\$'000)	1970 (\$'000)	%
Wheat	8,417	7,318	-13.1	123,150	121,050	-1.7
Oats	114	756	-	7,543	4,952	-34.3
Barley	1,530	5,512	-	49,239	67,597	37.3
C. W. B. Net cash advance payments	4,501	-1,930	-	45,708	-29,739	-
Rye	78	119	52.6	640	1,642	-
Flaxseed	577	1,176	-	12,484	13,048	4.5
Rapeseed	4,028	6,187	53.6	18,555	35,813	93.0
Sugar Beets	-	-	-	8,731	9,206	5.4
Potatoes	533	691	29.6	7,802	10,190	30.6
Vegetables	105	110	4.8	2,219	2,317	4.4
Other Crops	256	255	-0.4	9,417	9,336	-0.9
<b>TOTAL CROPS</b>	<b>20,139</b>	<b>20,194</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>285,488</b>	<b>245,412</b>	<b>-14.0</b>
Cattle and Calves	22,609	17,527	-22.5	261,902	257,429	-1.7
Hogs	7,521	6,416	-14.7	83,504	91,795	9.9
Sheep and Lambs	166	104	-37.3	1,926	1,564	-18.8
Dairy Products	3,437	2,970	-13.6	43,334	45,252	4.4
Poultry	804	893	11.1	19,211	21,476	11.8
Eggs	1,489	1,314	-11.8	14,667	14,432	-1.6
Other Livestock and Products	1,266	1,051	-17.0	8,120	8,541	5.2
<b>TOTAL LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>	<b>37,292</b>	<b>30,275</b>	<b>-18.8</b>	<b>432,664</b>	<b>440,489</b>	<b>1.8</b>
Forest Products	15	15	-	100	97	-3.0
Dairy Supplementary Payments	383	396	3.4	7,911	6,517	-17.6
Deficiency Payments	-	-	-	3,396	1,654	-51.3
Cash Receipts from Farming Operations	57,829	50,880	-12.0	729,559	694,169	-4.9
Supplementary Payments	73	1,453	-	2,429	14,493	-
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	<b>57,902</b>	<b>52,333</b>	<b>-9.6</b>	<b>731,988</b>	<b>708,662</b>	<b>-3.2</b>

SHIPMENTS OF GRAIN FROM ALBERTA COUNTRY ELEVATORS  
(thousands of bushels)

	(Feb.) 1970	(Feb.) 1971	Percent Change	(January-February)		Percent Change
				1970	1971	
Wheat (Including Durum)	8,354	7,267	-13.0	17,723	15,814	-10.8
Oats	780	904	15.9	1,149	1,889	64.4
Barley	3,974	6,169	55.2	8,341	10,819	29.7
Rye	41	93	-	116	198	70.7
Flaxseed	150	479	-	506	1,033	-
Rapeseed	1,078	1,760	63.3	1,988	3,218	61.9

## LIVESTOCK: NUMBERS SOLD AT PUBLIC STOCKYARDS

	(Feb.) 1970	(Feb.) 1971	Percent Change	(January-February)		Percent Change
	no.	no.		1970	1971	
Cattle	30,937	29,151	-5.8	66,727	57,968	-13.1
Calves	10,100	11,416	13.0	21,678	22,724	4.8
Sheep and Lambs	1,967	2,440	24.0	4,559	4,963	8.9
Hogs	24,472	33,323	36.2	48,697	67,437	38.5



## SHIPMENTS: ALBERTA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

			(Dec.) 1 9 6 9	(Dec.) 1 9 7 0	Percent Change	(January-December) 1 9 6 9      1 9 7 0		Percent Change
Oil Refinery Production:								
Motor Gasoline	M bbls.		1,641	1,786	8.8	18,775	18,740	-0.1
Diesel Fuel Oil	M bbls.		696	868	24.7	8,037	9,076	12.9
Other	M bbls.		1,196	1,112	-7.0	13,662	13,319	-2.5
Total	M bbls.		3,533	3,766	6.6	40,420*	41,136*	1.8
			(Jan.) 1 9 7 0	(Jan.) 1 9 7 1		(January-December) 1 9 6 9      1 9 7 0		
Flour Mills (5 firms)								
Production	M Centals		517	372	-28.0	5,111	5,111	-
All mill products shipped	\$'000		3,018	2,241	-25.7	30,521	30,812	1.0
Creamery Butter								
Production	M Lbs.		1,706	1,607	-5.8	29,540	29,324	-0.7
	\$'000		1,104	1,066	-3.4	19,127	18,987	-0.7
Cheddar Cheese								
Production	M Lbs.		216	229	6.0	2,806	3,357	19.6
	\$'000		97	121	24.7	1,263	1,511	19.6
Ice Cream								
Production	M Gals.		362	330	-8.8	5,544	5,662	2.1
	\$'000		561	556	-0.9	8,371	8,823	5.4
Carbonated Beverages	\$'000		1,302	1,267	-2.7	20,090	22,619	12.6
Packing Plants								
Gross Sales	\$'000		33,377	32,541	-2.5	403,069	438,135	8.7
Production	M Lbs.		56,340	60,938	8.2	694,133	764,485	10.1
	\$'000		24,612	24,649	0.1	294,357	322,436	9.5
Exports	M Lbs.		36,604	38,585	5.4	427,936	482,601	12.8
	\$'000		16,489	16,971	2.9	189,424	218,181	15.2
Livestock Slaughtered								
Cattle	No.		76,982	70,644	-8.2	860,475	895,320	4.1
Calves	No.		1,819	1,693	-6.9	31,562	18,917	-40.1
Hogs	No.		101,683	154,147	51.6	1,268,145	1,515,573	19.5
Sheep & Lambs	No.		3,889	3,825	-1.6	40,911	36,311	-11.2
Sawmills								
Production: Lumber	M. F. B. M.		52,103	90,000	72.7	425,793*	426,000	-
Railway Ties	No.		45,179	10,837	-	320,761	328,887*	2.5
Sales: Lumber	M. F. B. M.		21,555	35,000	62.4	390,674*	384,000	-1.7
	\$'000		1,390	2,317	66.7	32,764	25,378	-25.6
Railway Ties	No.		33,192	1,771	-	263,567	328,795*	24.7
	\$'000		89	5	-	631	878*	39.1
Cement Production								
	M Tons		52	39	-25.0	890	880	-1.1
	\$'000		1,126	876	-22.2	18,944	19,731	4.2
Brewed Products	M Gals.		987	1,228	24.4	19,304	19,785	2.5
Value of Manufacturing Shipments:								
All Industries	\$'000		139,984	130,328	-6.9	1,801,454	1,815,492*	0.8
Electricity:								
Net Generated	M KWH		937,739	1,055,155	12.5	8,824,689	9,953,296	12.8

\* Revised

## FISHING, FORESTRY, MINING &amp; TRAPPING

		(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971	Percent Change	(January-December) 1969 1970		Percent Change
Coal Production							
Bituminous	M Tons	129	306	-	1,231	2,864	-
Sub-Bituminous	M Tons	376	439	16.8	3,195	3,920	22.7
Total Value	\$'000	1,750	3,109	77.7	13,483	26,710	98.1
Salt Production	M Tons	20	20	25.0	265*	286*	7.9
Lime Production	M Tons	6	7	16.7	84	88	4.8
	\$'000	115	140	21.7	1,431	1,784	24.7
		(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970		(January-December) 1969 1970		
Crude Oil, Synthetic Crude, Condensate, Pentanes Plus							
Production	M Barrels	31,915	40,026	25.4	326,397	380,298	16.5
Value to producer	\$'000	81,349	108,633	33.5	837,931	991,271	18.3
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	14,981	17,339	15.7	154,641	173,527	12.2
Sales in United States	M Barrels	16,912	20,209	19.5	168,447	205,056	21.7
Natural Gas							
Production	M.M.C.F.	171,855	199,196	15.9	1,676,624	1,941,763	15.8
Sales in Canada	M.M.C.F.	74,813	85,901	14.8	713,454	824,249	15.5
Sales in United States	M.M.C.F.	56,192	68,175	21.3	558,024	654,794	17.3
Value of Sales	\$'000	21,091	24,743	17.3	200,408	243,877	21.7
Propane							
Production (Gas Plants)							
Production	M Barrels	1,637	1,953	19.3	16,616	20,058	20.7
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	1,093	1,281	17.2	9,263	8,733	- 5.7
Sales in United States	M Barrels	583	1,318	-	4,116	7,774	88.9
Offshore Sales	M Barrels	265	270	1.9	3,129	3,169	1.3
Value of Sales	\$'000	2,217	2,881	29.9	21,103	26,432	25.3
Butane							
Production (Gas Plants)							
Production	M Barrels	1,097	1,273	16.0	10,419	12,544	20.4
Sales in Canada	M Barrels	293	406	38.6	3,016	3,838	27.3
Sales in United States	M Barrels	971	1,257	29.5	7,100	8,728	22.9
Value of Sales	\$'000	1,296	1,616	24.7	12,883	14,961	16.1
Synthetic Crude Oil							
Production	M Barrels	631	933	47.9	10,087	12,082	19.8
Value to Producer	\$'000	1,779	2,687	51.0	27,790	33,346	20.0
Sulphur							
Production	M Long Tons	337	395	17.2	3,654	4,182	14.4
Sales in Canada	M Long Tons	48	64	33.3	496	562	13.3
Sales in United States	M Long Tons	84	73	-13.1	907	952	5.0
Offshore Sales	M Long Tons	140	124	-11.4	1,165	1,557	33.6
Value of Sales	\$'000	3,512	1,944	-44.7	58,863	27,435	-53.4
Pulpwood Production	M Cunits	45,876	45,423	- 1.0	333,340	312,833	- 6.2
	\$'000	945	935	- 1.1	6,863	6,441	- 6.2
		(Feb.) 1970	(Feb.) 1971		(January-February) 1970 1971		
Fur (Wild Life) Pelts	No. M.	58	40	-31.0	169	97	-42.6
	\$'000	156	149	- 4.5	426	324*	-23.9

\* Revised.

Fisheries Production for twelve months, January 1st to December 31st, 1970 totalled 7,337,105 pounds, valued at \$1,732,396 as compared with 10,968,288 pounds, valued at \$1,559,454 in 1969.



VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS - ALBERTA

	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional and Government	Total Value (Jan.)		Cumulative (Jan. - Dec.)	
					1970	1971	1969	1970
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
CENSUS DIVISION 1	108	-	1	-	238	109	6,059	6,682
Medicine Hat	108	-	1	-	237	108	5,385	6,101
CENSUS DIVISION 2	466	2	24	41	482	533	22,321	31,934
Lethbridge	445	2	21	41	147	508	17,684	27,633
CENSUS DIVISION 3	61	-	-	-	60	61	3,705	1,950
CENSUS DIVISION 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	410	1,396
CENSUS DIVISION 5	1	-	8	-	15	8	2,851	1,502
Drumheller	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,160	474
CENSUS DIVISION 6	7,126	100	1,653	510	4,291	9,389	183,559	178,380
Calgary	7,000	90	1,644	510	4,117	9,244	172,372	173,432
CENSUS DIVISION 7	33	-	4	-	24	37	4,815	3,943
CENSUS DIVISION 8	32	6	30	-	57	68	11,249	9,820
Red Deer	24	5	26	-	43	55	7,242	6,508
CENSUS DIVISION 9	3	-	2	-	19	5	2,237	2,940
CENSUS DIVISION 10	82	-	18	-	16	100	7,878	4,093
Camrose	19	-	-	-	14	19	1,541	996
Lloydminster	37	-	-	-	2	37	2,361	1,707
CENSUS DIVISION 11	2,215	379	322	214	15,292	3,130	211,657	149,444
Edmonton	1,110	110	260	214	13,174	1,694	170,094	108,675
Wetaskiwin	3	9	-	-	15	12	2,111	774
CENSUS DIVISION 12	-	-	250	-	265	250	7,189	5,065
CENSUS DIVISION 13	-	3	6	-	2	9	3,352	2,832
CENSUS DIVISION 14	3	-	207	-	44	210	4,856	4,271
CENSUS DIVISION 15	324	-	96	901	166	1,320	22,150	13,486
Grande Prairie	161	-	8	-	-	169	3,719	4,008
Total - January	10,453	490	2,619	1,666	20,971	15,228		
Jan. - Dec. 1970	224,358	11,475	78,045	103,862				417,739
Jan. - Dec. 1969	251,922	17,646	125,774	98,946			494,288	
February 1971 Preliminary						22,559		

Any slight Differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

HOUSING STATISTICS

		(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971	Percent Change	(January-December) 1969 1970		Percent Change
Alberta:							
Dwelling Starts	No.	737	843	14.4	20,521	14,093	-31.3
Completions	No.	1,265	1,524	20.5	17,356	17,002	-2.0
Loan Approvals							
New Housing	No.	381	491	28.9	8,439	13,745	62.9
Existing Housing	No.	64	47	-26.6	648	817	26.1
Dwelling Starts							
Calgary	No.	310	334	7.7	9,737	6,740	-30.8
Edmonton	No.	373	418	12.1	9,807	6,330	-35.5
Completions							
Calgary	No.	702	570	-18.8	7,775	9,001	15.8
Edmonton	No.	510	899	76.3	8,601	7,129	-17.1
Under Construction							
Calgary	No.	6,314	3,843	-39.1	-	-	-
Edmonton	No.	5,640	4,606	-18.3	-	-	-



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE - TRENDS

WHOLESALE TRADE	(Jan.) 1 9 7 0	(Jan.) 1 9 7 1	Percent Change	(January-December)		Percent Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%	1 9 6 9	1 9 7 0	%
<u>BY TYPES:</u>						
Amusement and Sporting Goods	464	401	-13.7	10,551	11,365	7.7
Auto Supplies and Equipment	4,478	5,171	15.5	172,643	156,815	-9.2
Chemicals, Drugs & Allied Products	3,573	3,282	-8.2	50,467	54,698	8.4
Dry Goods, and Apparel	786	674	-14.3	16,333	16,733	2.4
Electrical Goods (Household & Industrial)	4,919	5,149	4.7	129,067	125,475	-2.8
Farm Products (Raw Materials)	85	99	16.3	2,598	3,338	28.5
Farm Supplies	190	137	-28.1	4,240	4,499	6.1
Tobacco	3,979	3,453	-13.2	48,220	50,359	4.4
Furniture and House Furnishings	1,295	1,414	9.2	42,377	42,955	1.4
Groceries and Meats	28,039	26,792	-4.4	402,345	446,327	10.9
Hardware	1,623	1,265	-22.1	32,678	33,661	3.0
Building Material (Excluding Lumber)	2,477	1,683	-32.0	49,989	47,339	-5.3
Lumber and Millwork	2,789	2,724	-2.3	65,789	56,284	-14.4
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Commercial and Construction)	2,551	2,334	-8.5	29,708	25,248	-15.0
Machinery and Equipment (Farm)	1,456	1,114	-23.5	59,240	42,501	-28.3
Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (Industrial)	2,756	2,943	6.8	56,207	55,888	-0.6
Professional Service, Transportation Equipment and Supplies	2,171	2,036	-6.2	35,242	37,845	7.4
Metals and Metal Work	2,389	2,034	-14.9	43,873	47,027	7.2
Paper and Paper Products	1,655	1,542	-6.9	21,416	22,972	7.3
Petroleum and Petroleum Products	17,712	16,819	-5.0	244,772	256,019	4.6
Plumbing and Heating Equipment & Supp.	3,928	3,352	-14.7	66,396	65,219	-1.8
Miscellaneous	879	954	8.6	19,939	21,600	8.3
TOTAL	90,194	85,369*	-5.3	1,604,090	1,624,167	1.3
<u>BY LOCATIONS:</u>						
Calgary	30,063	28,904	-3.9	630,363	624,403	-0.9
Edmonton	35,031	32,880	-6.1	591,014	610,682	3.3
Lethbridge	2,284	2,277	-0.3	39,227	41,087	4.7
Medicine Hat	779	750	-3.7	13,985	14,002	0.1
Red Deer	1,168	1,090	-6.7	18,346	18,652	1.7
Smaller Centres	2,017	1,829	-9.3	36,250	39,799	9.8
No Area Breakdown	18,852	17,640	-6.4	274,905	275,542	0.2
TOTAL	90,194	85,369*	-5.3	1,604,090	1,624,167	1.3
<u>RETAIL TRADE</u>						
	(Dec.) 1 9 6 9	(Dec.) 1 9 7 0		Estimated (January-December)		
	\$'000	\$'000	%	1 9 6 9	1 9 7 0	%
Grocery and Combination Stores	43,754	47,714	9.1	425,165	451,820	6.3
All Other Food Stores	3,738	3,796	1.6	37,528	39,665	5.7
Department Stores	44,134	49,055	11.2	308,051	323,397	5.0
General Merchandise Stores	8,123	8,176	0.7	73,771	72,315	-2.0
General Stores	7,575	7,890	4.2	81,881	85,280	4.2
Variety Stores	5,078	5,048	-0.6	30,583	30,426	-0.5
Motor Vehicle Dealers	34,098	25,164	-26.2	461,390	378,108	-18.1
Service Stations and Garages	20,051	21,465	7.1	222,662	225,393	1.2
Men's Clothing Stores	3,797	3,921	3.3	25,693	26,923	4.8
Women's Clothing Stores	3,959	4,060	2.6	34,986	34,901	-0.3
Family Clothing Stores	3,954	3,843	-2.8	27,893	27,328	-2.0
Shoe Stores	1,966	1,969	0.2	19,727	20,166	2.2
Hardware Stores	4,341	4,198	-3.3	36,596	37,599	2.7
Furniture, T. V., Radio and Appliance Stores	4,043	3,772	-6.7	46,073	47,000	2.0
Fuel Dealers	1,979	1,874	-5.3	19,913	19,539	-1.9
Drug Stores	7,222	7,594	5.2	62,110	64,212	3.4
Jewellery Stores	3,720	3,893	4.7	15,700	15,814	0.7
All Other Stores	37,730	37,541	-0.5	313,944	334,334	6.5
TOTAL	239,262	240,973	0.7	2,243,666	2,234,220	-0.4

(1) The figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of total volume of wholesale business.

(\*) Any slight differences between the totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.



GENERAL STATISTICS

		(Nov.) 1969	(Nov.) 1970	Percent Change	(January-November) 1969 1970		Percent Change
Foreign Visitors Entering Through Customs Ports in Alberta							
U. S. Visitors	No.	15,227	15,595	2.4	418,051	440,530	5.4
Other Visitors	No.	n. a.	397	-	n. a.	16,094	-
		(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970		(January-December) 1969 1970		
Labour Income	\$'000	250,400	270,000	7.8	2,909,800	3,220,900	10.7
Unemployment Insurance							
Benefit Weeks	No.	37,977	105,319	-	627,172	947,496	51.1
Benefit Payments	\$'000	1,303	3,913	-	19,928	33,820	69.7
Bank Debits							
Calgary	M \$'000	2,417	2,490	3.0	25,470	28,896	13.5
Edmonton	M \$'000	1,936	1,839	-5.0	20,420	21,107	3.4
Lethbridge	M \$'000	118	116	-1.7	1,213	1,233	1.6
Medicine Hat	M \$'000	46	41	-10.9	488	473	-3.1
TOTAL	M \$'000	4,517	4,486	-0.7	47,591	51,709	8.7
Financing of Motor Vehicles:							
Passenger Cars	No.	2,287	1,228	-46.3	31,273	22,801	-27.1
	\$'000	5,861	2,639	-55.0	77,161	52,577	-31.9
Commercial Vehicles	No.	997	1,037	4.0	12,100	12,206	0.9
	\$'000	4,247	3,876	-8.7	48,456	51,927	7.2
Restaurant Receipts	\$'000	7,761	7,583	-2.3	100,154	102,901	2.8
Life Insurance	\$'000	68,575	71,604	4.4	697,529	756,425	8.4
		(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971		(January-December) 1969 1970		
Social Allowance Payments	\$'000	3,926	4,910	25.1	46,778	57,081	22.0
Aircraft Movement Statistics: Itinerant							
Calgary International	No.	5,186	5,245	1.1	70,060	73,457	4.8
Edmonton Industrial	No.	4,919	4,452	-9.5	86,388	81,416	-5.8
Edmonton International	No.	2,126	1,884	-11.4	23,538	26,728	13.6
Lethbridge International	No.	804	811	0.9	17,452	15,276	-12.5
Foreign Vehicles Entering Through Alberta Border Points	No.	3,864	3,885	0.5	122,988	136,472	11.0
Vital Statistics:							
Marriages	No.	738	914	23.8	14,936	15,479	3.6
Births	No.	2,874	2,698	-6.1	30,870	31,944	3.5
Deaths	No.	993	1,099	10.7	10,183	10,101	-0.8
Natural Increase	No.	1,881	1,599	-15.0	20,687	21,843	5.6
		(Feb.) 1970	(Feb.) 1971		(January-February) 1970 1971		
Visitors to National Parks							
Banff	No.	107,390	106,850	-0.5	195,675	192,880	-1.4
Elk Island	No.	6,950	5,970	-14.1	12,039	8,926	-25.9
Jasper	No.	21,803	24,399	11.9	42,369	45,385	7.1
Waterton Lake	No.	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	No.	136,143	137,219	0.8	250,083	247,191	-1.2

\*Revised

POPULATION  
(thousands)

June 1 1966	June 1 1967	June 1 1968	June 1 1969	June 1 1970	January 1 1969	January 1 1970	January 1 1971
1,463	1,490	1,526	1,561	1,600	1,547	1,584	1,624



## SHIPMENTS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES TO ALBERTA

		(Dec.) 1969	(Dec.) 1970	Percent Change	(January-December) 1969 1970		Percent Change
Steel Bars and Shapes, etc. (some comparable items)	Tons	4,076	3,294	-19.2	53,482	45,995	-14.0
Stock and Poultry Feeds	Tons	117,250	115,411	-1.6	1,113,955	1,163,137	4.4
Stock and Poultry Secondary Feed	Tons	9,331	13,514	44.8	121,260	136,501	12.6
Dog and Cat Feeds	Tons	888	2,007	-	11,573	15,158	31.0
Stoves: Gas	No.	1,144	649	-43.3	10,264	7,297	-28.9
Electric	No.	2,443	2,176	-10.9	25,104	25,408	1.2
Plywood	M Sq. ft.	19,761	15,456	-21.8	214,446	206,056*	-3.9
T. V. Sets	No.	4,615	3,639	-21.1	49,441	43,738	-11.5
Radio Phonographs	No.	1,672	1,163	-30.4	14,063	10,840	-22.9
Record Players	No.	1,776	1,928	8.6	14,859	11,973	-19.4
Farm Implements	\$'000	4,040	1,878	-53.5	84,342	66,612	-21.0
		(Jan.) 1970	(Jan.) 1971		(January-December) 1969 1970		
Asphalt Roofing:							
Asphalt shingles, 210 lbs. & over	Roof sqs.	16,260	10,003	-38.5	492,843	463,196	-6.0
Asphalt shingles, less than 210 lbs.	Roof sqs.	29	-	-	3,283	1,289	-60.7
Rag & Asbestos Felt Roll							
Roofing (general)	Roof sqs.	1,088	421	-61.3	N/A	33,052	-
coated BUR	Roof sqs.	365	204	-44.1	N/A	16,563	-
Mineral Surface Rag & Asbestos, Felt Roll							
Roofing & Siding	Roof sqs.	1,509	984	-34.8	58,220	60,600	4.1
Tar and Asphalt Felts	Tons	285	200	-29.8	7,043	5,243	-25.6
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (Kraft base)	Tons	49	60	22.4	988	825	-16.5
Tar and Asphalt Sheathing (non-Kraft base)	Tons	6	6	-	123	135	9.8
Roofing Pitch	Tons	1	-	-	127	102	-19.7
Roofing Asphalt	Tons	655	647	-1.2	16,760	13,479	-19.6
Rigid Insulating Board: (M sq. ft. 1/2" basis)							
Building Board		415	330	-20.5	4,877	4,226	-13.3
Asphalt Sheathing Board		515	550	6.8	7,648	7,362	-3.7
Roof Insulation Board		1,205	826	-31.5	28,428	21,089	-25.8
Acoustical Tile		111	155	39.6	1,654	1,388	-16.1
Other Decorative Board		762	300	-60.6	5,323	6,027	13.2
Other Board		65	32	-50.8	886	913	3.0
Total		3,072	2,193	-28.6	48,815	41,006	-16.0
Washing Machines-Automatic	No.	1,738	1,543	-11.2	20,967	18,586	-11.4
Conventional	No.	908	456	-49.8	10,484	8,957	-14.6
Clothes Dryers Electric	No.	1,323	1,198	-9.4	15,622	15,140	-3.1
Gas	No.	337	254	-24.6	5,831	5,223	-10.4
Mechanical Refrigerators	No.	3,044	2,682	-11.9	38,133	35,596	-6.7
Home and Farm Freezers	No.	480	816	70.0	13,907	12,905	-7.2
New Motor Vehicles:							
	No.	4,625	3,828	-17.2	83,851	66,294	-20.9
	\$'000	19,269	14,765	-23.4	355,087	280,494	-21.0
Margarine							
	M lbs.	1,475	1,394	-5.5	16,041	17,063	6.4
	\$'000	415	387	-6.7	4,341	4,948	14.0

\* Revised.



LABOUR FORCE AND RELATED DATA  
(in thousands)

		Population 14 Years of Age and Over			Labour Force				Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate
		Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Employed		
February	1969	1,033	524	509	612	409	203	591	59.2%	3.4%
February	1970	1,066	540	526	626	419	207	597	58.7%	4.6%
January	1971	1,100	557	543	628	426	202	587	57.1%	6.5%
February	1971	1,103	559	544	630	426	203	591	57.1%	6.0%

ESTIMATES OF EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY

	October 1968 ( <sup>'000</sup> )	October 1969 ( <sup>'000</sup> )	September 1970 ( <sup>'000</sup> )	October 1970* ( <sup>'000</sup> )
Forestry	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.6
Mines, quarries & oil wells	20.6	22.0	24.8	24.4
Manufacturing	50.6	54.9	54.1	53.8
Non-Durables		27.2		28.4
Durables		23.3		25.4
Construction	37.3	43.3	42.4	40.8
Building		11.5	13.1	10.5
Special Trade Contractors		16.0	19.2	16.7
Highways, bridges, street & other		9.9	11.0	13.6
Transportation, communication and other utilities	49.6	53.2	54.9	53.7
Transportation		29.0	31.3	31.1
Communication & other utilities		20.6	22.0	22.6
Trade	82.4	88.0	85.6	85.4
Wholesale		27.5	29.7	29.5
Retail		54.9	58.3	56.0
Finance, insurance and real estate	18.1	20.0	19.8	20.4
Community, business & personal services	143.3	153.4	158.0	163.8
Non-commercial sector		92.6	92.5	102.5
Commercial sector		50.7	60.9	61.4
Public Administration & defence	31.8	32.9	37.2	36.2
Grand Total	435.5	469.5	478.6	480.1
*Preliminary				

AVERAGE HOURS & AVERAGE EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE EARNERS

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1970	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1970	Nov. 1969	Nov. 1970	November 1970
	no.	no.	\$	\$	\$	\$	no.
<u>EDMONTON:</u>							
Manufacturing	40.1	39.3	2.99	3.27	120.22	128.34	11,988
Construction	37.8	35.8	3.97	4.69	149.97	168.06	6,216
<u>CALGARY:</u>							
Manufacturing	39.7	39.7	3.18	3.40	126.26	134.89	8,889
Construction	37.2	37.5	4.04	4.83	150.30	181.11	4,995
<u>ALBERTA:</u>							
Mining, Including Milling	41.1	40.9	3.72	4.08	152.74	167.04	7,869
Service Incidental to Mining	40.3	41.3	3.69	3.92	148.76	162.01	3,625
Manufacturing	39.7	39.2	3.04	3.28	120.57	128.46	28,866
Durable Goods	39.7	39.3	3.08	3.34	122.28	131.32	13,722
Non-Durable Goods	39.6	39.0	2.99	3.22	118.70	125.86	15,144
Foods and Beverages	39.1	39.1	3.05	3.18	119.33	124.43	8,339
Construction	40.1	39.1	3.77	4.63	151.28	181.14	19,054
Building	37.1	36.1	3.96	4.66	146.60	168.11	10,409
Engineering	46.1	42.8	3.48	4.59	160.48	196.82	8,645
Other Industries							
Hotels and Restaurants	31.9	29.9	1.73	1.97	55.29	59.03	11,529

\*Preliminary 1970; Final 1969



# EMPLOYMENT INDEXES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	Employment Index Number (1961=100)			Average Weekly Wages and Salaries			Employees Reported
	Last Pay Period Of			Last Pay Period Of			November 1970 No.
	Nov. 1969	Oct. 1970	Nov. 1970	Nov. 1969 \$	Oct. 1970 \$	Nov. 1970 \$	
<b>EDMONTON:</b>							
Manufacturing	128.6	124.1	121.7	128.54	137.76	138.90	18,174
Durable Goods	149.6	135.1	130.5	133.99	146.47	148.79	7,129
Non-Durable Goods	116.4	117.8	116.7	124.49	131.99	132.51	11,045
Construction	162.7	148.4	126.2	152.56	174.45	171.22	8,032
Transportation, Communications and Other Utilities	154.7	162.7	161.5	138.73	148.14	148.21	14,522
Trade	141.2	132.3	133.2	96.07	103.25	103.70	23,174
Wholesale	134.0	129.6	129.0	122.98	129.35	130.56	8,109
Retail	145.2	133.8	135.6	82.19	88.96	89.25	15,065
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	154.0	157.7	157.7	110.62	117.11	115.62	5,399
Service	202.1	204.1	196.4	77.26	82.27	81.69	13,674
Industrial Composite	150.1	146.5	142.6	115.49	124.79	123.99	84,478
<b>CALGARY:</b>							
Manufacturing	130.9	124.0	124.7	134.42	142.69	145.22	14,408
Durable Goods	170.7	145.6	148.2	135.24	144.83	146.37	6,731
Non-Durable Goods	105.1	110.0	109.5	133.55	140.87	144.21	7,677
Construction	183.0	163.2	147.1	155.21	183.07	179.71	6,440
Transportation, Communications and Other Utilities	124.1	128.6	128.6	131.05	145.32	143.99	10,945
Trade	140.6	135.6	136.5	102.56	108.09	109.29	19,210
Wholesale	127.0	125.2	124.9	129.95	137.17	137.87	7,355
Retail	150.3	143.1	144.8	86.00	89.79	91.56	11,855
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	165.2	168.8	169.3	111.30	116.49	115.75	5,972
Service	210.7	214.8	210.4	82.57	86.11	85.39	14,092
Industrial Composite	151.6	148.5	147.1	121.16	130.18	130.05	77,222
LETHBRIDGE: Industrial Composite	129.7	126.5	121.2	96.15	107.80	107.36	5,203
MEDICINE HAT: Industrial Composite	107.4	98.7	99.1	106.50	112.56	110.66	2,877
RED DEER: Industrial Composite	163.1	165.5	161.1	104.03	111.94	110.30	2,652
<b>ALBERTA:</b>							
Mining, Including Milling	129.9	135.0	135.8	176.39	188.28	189.20	21,079
Petroleum and Gas Wells	149.0	155.8	156.0	190.88	202.12	202.48	13,501
Services Incidental to Mining	112.9	101.2	102.8	155.21	167.65	171.42	5,479
Manufacturing	131.1	127.6	126.1	128.72	137.07	138.66	44,542
Foods and Beverages	100.9	111.2	108.6	124.25	129.01	131.16	12,591
Meat Processing	106.2	115.3	114.1	141.03	142.85	143.43	4,634
Wood Products	133.9	132.5	128.8	101.47	108.88	113.71	4,033
Printing, Publishing & Allied Industries	129.7	133.8	136.1	120.67	135.65	134.13	2,471
Metal Fabricating Industries	162.6	148.4	145.5	143.54	148.59	152.51	4,525
Transportation Equipment	163.0	133.2	144.5	119.54	127.72	129.24	2,835
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	119.1	98.3	95.7	144.46	158.68	159.26	2,842
Chemicals and Chemical Products	135.4	124.8	125.3	155.57	172.41	169.62	2,479
Construction	152.2	158.3	136.5	154.35	186.97	181.02	23,717
Building	166.0	142.8	126.9	149.51	167.59	169.27	13,229
Engineering	131.4	181.7	151.0	163.52	209.84	195.83	10,488
Transportation, Communications and Other Utilities	119.6	124.1	122.7	134.91	145.25	145.03	46,564
Transportation	107.7	111.1	109.3	135.39	147.46	145.75	24,586
Communication	145.9	154.2	154.2	130.90	139.76	140.60	13,081
Electric Power, Gas and Water	131.2	133.9	131.0	151.99	160.35	163.28	6,616
Trade	140.5	133.9	134.6	97.73	104.42	105.13	53,368
Wholesale	128.3	124.7	124.1	122.94	129.89	130.80	19,689
Retail	148.5	140.1	141.5	83.39	89.31	90.13	33,679
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	151.4	153.3	153.3	109.99	115.02	114.17	16,117
Service	198.2	198.2	192.7	80.69	85.01	85.80	33,594
Personal Services	181.6	185.8	179.7	64.80	67.60	68.18	16,852
Hotels and Restaurants	193.5	200.9	194.0	62.87	66.07	66.89	14,582
Industrial Composite	140.2	140.1	137.0	121.51	132.69	131.96	240,203
Industrial Composite (December) 1970*		134.6			129.35		

\* Preliminary



## MEMORANDA

An apartment vacancy rate survey conducted in January, 1971 indicated an overall vacancy rate in the province of 3.3%, down from the 4.6% of January, 1970 and the 1970 year average of 4.2%. Of the twenty-nine communities surveyed, ten reported no vacancies. The survey does not include limited-dividend housing and units completed within the previous six months.

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The number of fur farms in Alberta decreased from 316 in 1968 to 284 in 1969. The number of mink farms declined from 120 to 93, and of chinchilla farms from 192 to 187. Fox farms remained at 4. There were approximately 199,000 pelts produced during the year, valued at \$2,135,000. In 1968, 174,000 pelts were produced with a value of \$2,422,000.

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Retail sales in Alberta shopping centres (five or more retail establishments, designed as a unit, with free parking facilities) more than tripled from 1961 to 1968, rising from \$96.9 million to \$303.8 million. The number of shopping centres increased from 26 to 55. Receipts of service trades in shopping centres in the province totalled \$14 million in 1968.

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The average weekly wages of hourly rated wage earners in the mining industry in Alberta increased from \$129 in 1967 to \$149 in 1969. Wages in the manufacturing industry rose from \$97 per week to \$114 per week and construction workers average weekly wages increased to \$142 from \$119. Hours worked per week in 1969 averaged 41 in the mining industry and 39.4 in manufacturing and construction.

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Estimated 1970 production of honey in Alberta is 20.2 million pounds with a value of \$2.8 million. The estimated value of wax produced is \$200,000. There were approximately 1,200 bee keepers and 110,000 bee colonies in the province in 1970.

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In the 1969-70 school year there were 19,821 full time teachers instructing in public schools in the province. Of this total, approximately 53% had University degrees, as compared to 36% of the 14,702 teachers in Alberta in 1964-65. The median salary of Alberta teachers in 1969-70 was \$7,564, an increase of almost \$2,200 over the five year period.



# PRINCIPAL STATISTICS - SPECIFIED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALBERTA

Industries	Year	Establish- ments	Employees		Value of Shipments of Goods Of Own Manufacture	Total Value Added
		Number	Number	Salaries and Wages \$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Industry	1967	233	11,274	97,388	913,519*	887,609
	1968	245	12,120	111,149	1,039,521*	1,007,380
Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers	1968	3	157	1,083	5,509	2,727
	1969	3	151	1,167	6,469	3,258
Steel Pipe & Tube Mills	1968	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	1969	5	703	4,906	53,462	11,470
Other Non-Metallic Mineral Products Industries	1968	6	51	277	1,594	1,046
	1969	6	56	361	1,905	976
Artificial Ice Manufacturers	1968	3	43	174	334	344
	1969	3	36	176	349	315

\* Value of Marketable Production.

## TAXABLE PLUS NON TAXABLE INCOME ALBERTA, BY CENSUS DIVISION 1961, 1966, 1967, & 1968

	(\$'000)			
	1961	1966	1967	1968
Alberta	1,514,000	2,361,400	2,673,100	2,973,900
Census Division				
1	42,900	62,500	68,900	74,500
2	88,000	116,700	136,700	154,700
3	22,000	35,300	38,600	38,400
4	12,500	19,300	19,500	19,700
5	34,400	50,500	56,500	56,400
6	475,500	759,700	875,400	975,400
7	29,500	46,900	52,300	55,600
8	70,900	112,300	115,600	133,200
9	24,500	27,400	31,800	35,700
10	43,700	73,800	77,600	85,200
11	566,200	874,500	994,100	1,126,300
12	18,300	37,300	44,100	46,200
13	21,700	36,300	37,800	42,400
14	19,000	26,800	27,500	32,500
15	45,000	82,100	96,700	97,500

## GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND COMPONENT ITEMS FOR CALGARY - EDMONTON (1961 = 100)

		General CPI	Food	Housing	Clothing	Trans- portation	Health Personal Care	Recreation Reading	Tobacco Alcohol
February	1969	119.2	122.4	113.5	123.5	116.6	131.8	124.5	114.3
February	1970	123.7	125.9	117.7	125.1	121.1	141.5	131.1	124.3
January	1971	126.4	130.3	119.3	127.8	122.9	145.4	135.6	125.0
February	1971	127.3	131.7	119.5	128.1	125.3	145.6	136.7	125.2



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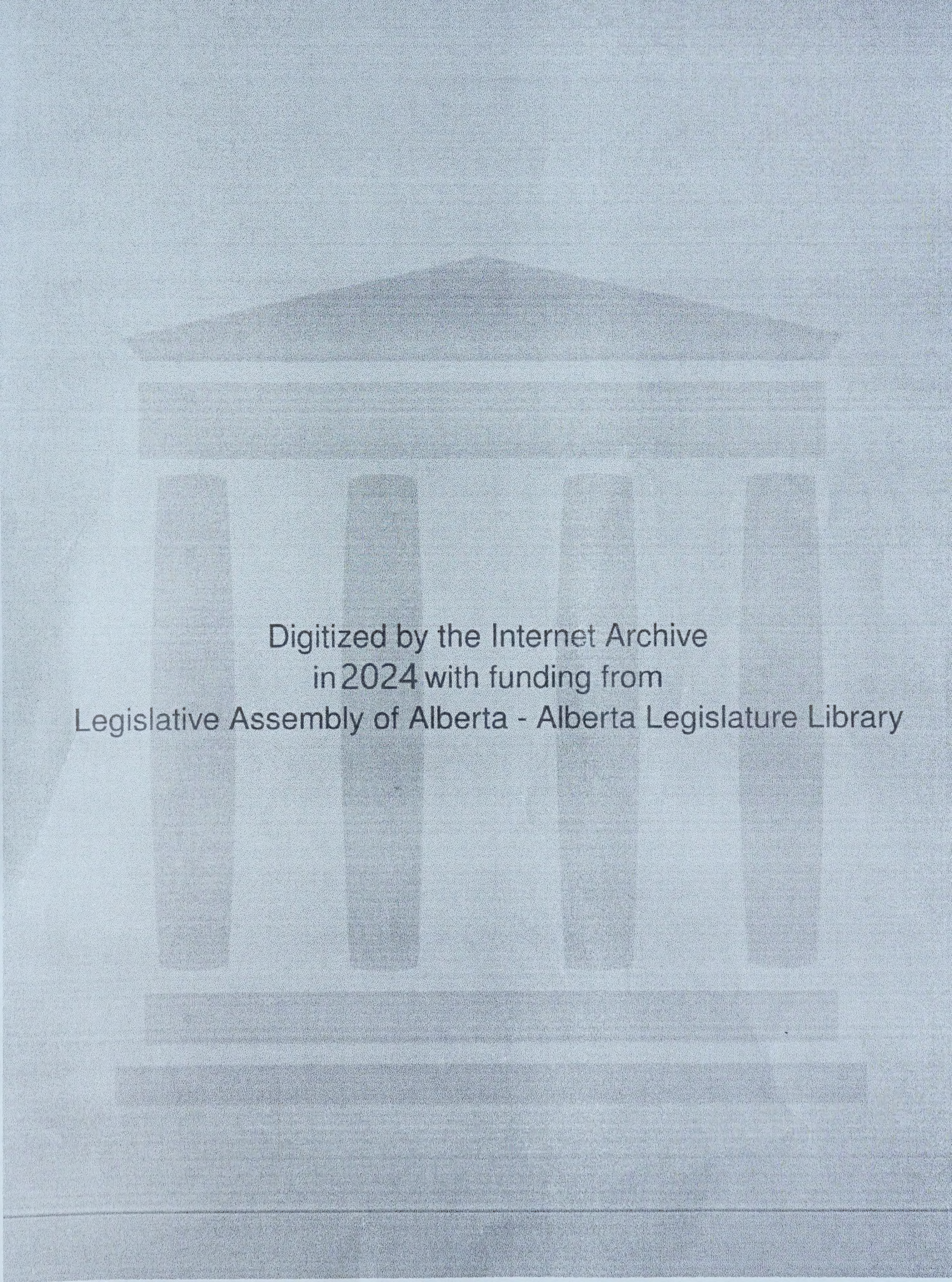
### Symbols

N/A	-	figures not available
M	-	thousands
M \$'000	-	millions of dollars
M M C F	-	millions of cubic feet
F. B. M.-		foot board measure
Sqs.	-	squares









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